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Applicant: David S. Sumida et al.) Examiner: Sung H. Pak Art Unit: 2874 Serial No.: 09/894,347 Our Ref: B-4034 618348-2 Filed: June 28, 2001 Date: November 19, 2003 For: "GUIDED MODE LASER APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED CLADDING Re: Amendment and Response STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FABRICATING THEREOF"

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2003, an initial response to which is due no later than <u>September 19, 2003</u>, Applicants submit this paper together with a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$410.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.1.17(a)(2). Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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